

### Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the Abstract as shown below. A “clean” copy of the Abstract with the amendments incorporated therein is attached.

#### Abstract of the Disclosure

~~The present invention relates to a~~ A retractable thruster for a surface or submersible vessel, ~~having the thruster a propulsion assembly comprising with~~ having the thruster a propulsion assembly comprising with a rigid structure secured to a cylindrical turbine, ~~said. The rigid structure containing or being suitable for containing~~ said a motor, ~~said motor being~~ said suitable for rotating at least one propeller inside ~~said the~~ said turbine via at least one rotary shaft positioned between ~~said the~~ said motor and ~~said the~~ said propeller, ~~and. The thruster preferably further comprising~~ and. The thruster preferably further comprising has a plate for closing the hull placed beneath ~~said the~~ said turbine and secured thereto, ~~said the propulsion assembly being displaceable by displacement means~~ said the propulsion assembly being displaceable by displacement means between a retracted position in which it is at rest inside the hull and a deployed position for providing propulsion in which the propeller is immersed beneath the hull. ~~According to the present invention, said displacement means enable said~~ The propulsion assembly to be moved is movable between ~~said the~~ said retracted and deployed positions by ~~said the propulsion assembly performing~~ said the propulsion assembly performing moving in a uniform uniformly circular ~~movement~~ direction about an axis of rotation situated substantially at no higher than the level of ~~said the hull or beneath said hull.~~ said the hull.